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1. AS YOU ARE ALREADY PROBABLY AWARE, BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARY OWEN HAS INVITED RHODESIAN PATRIOTIC FRONT
LEADERS NKOMO AND MUGABE TO MEET WITH HIM ON MALTA, BE-
GINNING JANUARY 30. AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MOOSE, US AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA LOW, AND FOUR
TO SEVEN OTHER AMERICANS WILL ALSO VISIT MALTA IN

ASSOCIATION WITH THE TALKS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO LAST TWO TO THREE DAYS. AMERICAN PARTY PLANS TO ARRIVE WITH OWEN VIA RAF JET AFTERNOON, JANUARY 29.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS SIMPLY TO ALERT YOU TO THE PROPOSED TRIP. SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT SHORTLY. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF EMBASSY VALETTA'S LIMITED RESOURCES AND WILL TAKE STEPS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. BRITISH HAVE CLEARED TRIP WITH GOM. HOWEVER, IF YOU BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE, YOU SHOULD INFORM GOM OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE MEETING WITH MINTOFF, BUT YOUNG WILL AGREE TO ONE IF APPROPRIATE. CHRISTOPHER

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